AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) and (b) : An annexure showing State-wise and Union-Territory-wise data available on the number of cases of rapes, molestation and other crimes committed against women during the last three years is enclosed [*see* Appendix CLXV, Annexure No. 51].

(c) The registration, investigation, detection and prevention of crimes including crimes against women is the responsibility of the State Governments/ Union Territory Administrations. However, the Government of India have initiated a number of measures to check such crimes. The Dowry Prohibition Act, 1961 was amended in 1984 and 1986 to make the law more stringent. In addition, the Indian Panel Code, the Criminal Procedure Code, 1973 and the Indian Evidence Act, 1872 were amended to deal effectively not only with dowry death cases but also with cases of cruelty to married women.

A number of schemes are being implemented by the Government as well as through women's voluntary organisations to make women economically independent and aware of their right. Mass Media campaigns against the social evil of dowry through the programmes of electronic media are also being organised.

Instructions have also been issued from time to time to the State Governments/ Union Territory Administrations to take effective action to check crimes against women.

A National Commission on Women has been set up to study and monitor matters relating to the constitutional and legal safeguards provided for women and to suggest amendments wherever necessary. The Commission will also look into the complaints involving deprivation of the rights of women with a view to providing necessary support.

A meeting of State representatives was also organised recently in New Delhi by the Ministry of Human Resources Development and the Ministry of Home Affairs to duscuss various measures necessary to contain the increasing trend of crime against women.

Approval for Promulgation of Ordinances

3084. DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR:
SHRI V. RAJESHWAR RAO:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of pending cases of prior permission/approval of the President to the promulgation of ordinances by Governors of States;

(b) the names of the states which have sought such approvals; and

(c) what are the reasons for the delay in granting approval?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) and (b) A statement showing Statewise number of pending Ordinances is enclosed *(see below)*.

(c) The Ordinances received from the State Government are examined in consultation with the concerned Ministries/Departments of Government of India. In certain cases clarifications are sought from the State Governments. The State Governments, Central Ministries/

Departments are constantly reminded to expedite their comments, to finalise the Ordinances.

Statement

Number of pending Ordinances received from various State Governments for prior approval/permission of the President as on 30.11.1992.

Sl. No.	Name of the State	No. of Pending Ordinances
1.	Andhra Pradesh	1
2.	Assam	1
3.	Bihar	3
4.	Gujarat	2
5.	Himachal Pradesh	3
6.	Karnataka	3
7.	Kerala	3
8.	Uttar Pradesh	3
	Total	19

Introduction of Laser Based Identity Cards

3085. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI RAJU BHAI A. PARMAR:
SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a computerised laser based technology has been evolved by the Bhabha Atomic Research Centre, Bombay for preparation of Identity Cards and their distribution to citizens in the sensitive border areas of the country to prevent illegal migration;

(b) if so, what are the salient features thereof and how it would help prevent illegal migration; and

(c) what steps are being taken to introduce this system of Identity Cards?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) In the Computerised Laser Identity Card Printing System technology, details of the card holder and his photograph are digitized and imprinted. Each card has a distinct computer identity based on phonetic code. this technology is time efficient and secure cards against forgery. State Governments of Rajasthan, Punjab, Assam, Tripura and Mizoram have initiated steps for procurement of CLIP Machines from Electronics Corporation of India (ECIL) Ltd.

Assam Tribals to Launch Stir

3086. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the tribal groups in the hills and plains of Assam are heading towards forming a common front of their movements in region as per the news item entitled: "Assam tribals to launch stir" which appeared in the Times of India dated the 6th November, 1992;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what action Government propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) to (c) Attention of the Government has been drawn to the declared intentions of the All Bodo Students' Union, representing Plains Tribal/Bodos and the Autonomous State Demand Committee representing the Hill Tribals as reported. Government are seized of the problems of both plains and hills tribes of Assam. Efforts are continuing to find amicable and acceptable solutions to their problems.